



Dear Parents & Carers,

Geelong High School Computer Device Year 7 2023

Geelong High School is committed to delivering 21st Century learning to all students and it is important that all students have access to the wide range of learning tools available online. For these reasons, the school has been a 1:1 school for more than ten years, using a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) structure to ensure families are provided with some choice and also the most economic and viable options to suit their needs. The following letter outlines what sort of devices to purchase, their minimum requirements and offers some purchasing suggestions.

Students can connect any iPad or laptop, as long as it meets the minimum requirements (set out below) to connect to our network. As we have students arriving into Year 7 from over 40 different primary schools which use a variety of devices, this will mean that a greater percentage of students will be able to use their device from primary school and not purchase a new device when starting at Geelong High School.

In a school environment, even the most responsible student can have an accident with their device, causing breakage. For this reason we highly recommend students take precautions to ensure:

- They minimise risk of breakage by always carrying their device in a protective case
- They have their device insured with a clear understanding of the procedures they must follow to have any damage repaired.

Recommended Devices

To assist with purchasing devices with appropriate insurance, Geelong High School has consulted with JB HIFI Education to provide a selection of devices that will meet the learning needs of students and maintain compatibility with the school network.

JB Portal - Parents have the option of purchasing a device through the JB Education Portal (see the link below)

The JB purchasing portal website enables parents and students to review and purchase a range of recommended devices with the option to either collect in store (preferred) or from Geelong High School.

Devices purchased through the JB portal are eligible for additional technical support from Geelong High School. These devices also include a three-year warranty for hardware faults (please note this is separate from insurance). The school will be able to provide software troubleshooting and assist with any hardware warranty issue.

Portal Access

Information on accessing the Portal will be available in Compass.

Other Devices

Parents and students who do not wish to obtain a recommended device from the JB portal may bring along a device they have obtained themselves. All connected devices must be running one of the supported platforms (see over) and should meet the minimum specifications (see over). Without these specifications a device may not be able to access the school intranet, essential programs such as Compass, or to perform functions such as printing at Geelong High School.

Whilst students with devices meeting the minimum requirements will receive assistance to connect their device to the school network, Geelong High School will not be able to assist with any other software or hardware issues for devices obtained outside of the JB Portal. These will need to be referred to the place of purchase.

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We are committed to:

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Empowering people to realise their potential through effort, responsibility and teamwork; and
Building healthy resilient and productive global citizens

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Minimum Device Requirements

To help parents select a device which should meet the basic requirements for learning and network compatibility, the following minimum requirements have been made:

Preferred platform:

- Microsoft Windows Laptop (Recommended) – Windows 10 or Windows 11

Supported platforms

- Microsoft Windows Laptop (Recommended) – Windows 10 or Windows 11
- Apple Laptop – latest OSX installed
- Apple iPad – latest iOS installed

Not Supported

- Chrome books
- Android tablets

Minimum specifications for notebooks

- 4 gigabytes of memory (RAM)
- Wireless compatible (802.11n or greater)
- 128 gigabyte solid state hard drive
- Full day of battery life
- Microsoft Windows 10

Insurance

Geelong High School strongly recommends that all devices are fully insured. Devices (including those purchased from the JB portal) are not covered by Geelong High School's insurance policy. Insurance can be purchased with a device on the JB portal, however it is important that parents and students understand the terms of the policy before purchasing to ensure it meets their needs

If you would like clarification of any of this information please contact Geelong High School and we will endeavour to assist.

Yours faithfully

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